

## Poetry: different types and forms

<p><b>Free verse</b> follows no set formula or style. It is totally up to the author, and doesn't have to follow regular rules of grammar like using complete sentences. Rhyming is optional.</p>	<p><i>Example:</i>          "The Birds on A Cold Night," By Leila, Grade 3          Cold night          The little birds huddle up close.          The birds, fluffy as a kitten.          Trying to keep warm, the birds snuggle up on a branch.          The branch is small but no bird will fall,          Still trying to keep warm.</p>
<p><b>Acrostic Poetry</b> – the first letter in each line, when read vertically, spells out the name of something, or gives some other kind of message.</p>	<p><i>Example:</i> (tree)          Towering          Reaching          Extending          Embracing the sky.</p>
<p><b>Haiku</b> is a Japanese form of poetry that consists of three lines: the first has 5 syllables, the second line has seven, and the third line has five again. The third line often contains a surprising or tension element.</p>	<p><i>Example:</i>          Kingfisher          Bird with spiky hair          Hovering over the stream          Does he see the fish?</p>
<p><b>Cinquain</b> poems have five lines, and each line has a specific purpose &amp; number of syllables:          (1) the title in two syllables          (2) a description of the title in four syllables          (3) a description of action in six syllables          (4) a description of a feeling in eight syllables          (5) another word for the title in two syllables</p>	<p><i>Example:</i>          White swan          Large tundra bird          Swims and nests near our ponds          Graceful flight makes me feel peaceful          Qugruk</p>
<p><b>Windspark</b> poems have five lines with the following pattern: (1) "I dreamed" (2) "I was..." something or someone (3) where (4) an action and (5) how.</p>	<p><i>Example:</i>          I dreamed of flight          I was a swallow          Riding currents of air          Coming back to my Alaskan summer home          Swiftly</p>
<p><b>Diamante</b> poems are diamond shaped and consist of seven lines with the following pattern:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">noun          adjective adjective          participle participle participle          noun noun noun noun          participle participle participle          adjective adjective          noun</p>	<p><i>Example:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ducks          small, colorful          arriving, mating, nesting          egg, baby, juvenile, adult          eating, growing, leaving          natural, lively          ducks</p>